



Lump Sum financing for International Cooperation Partner Countries





Opportunities for international cooperation

FP7 Rules for participation welcome international cooperation

- Allow for international participation in FP7 indirect actions
- Provide for possibilities for funding for third country participants (namely those from ICPC)

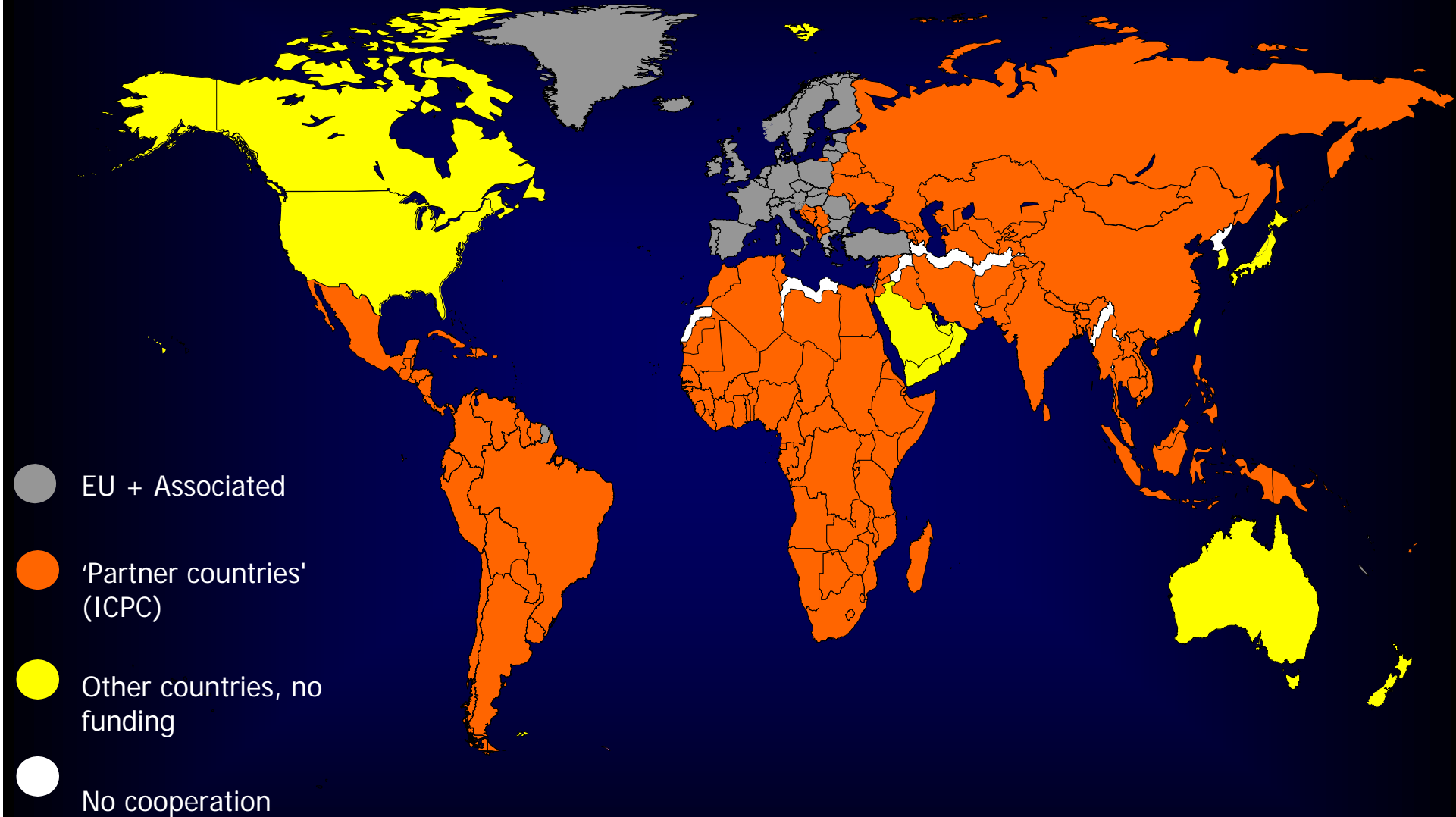


International Cooperation Partner Countries (ICPC)

- List of countries identified by Commission in the annual work programmes (Annex 1)
- WP 2007 provides for 146 countries, by regional groups
- Definition based on three categories according to income per capita (low-income, lower-middle-income or upper-middle-income) based on World Bank criteria
- Income categories also used to define ICPC lumps sums

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Participation by legal entities from third countries





Lump sum option for ICPC in FP7

- Rules for participation included provision for ICPC to ***opt for*** the Community financial contribution to take the form of a lump sum financing
- Alternatively an ICPC will use the reimbursement of eligible costs
- The lump sum covers ***all the costs*** of an ICPC participant, including not only the costs for personnel and travel, but also those of equipment consumables and indirect costs



Lump sum contribution per ICPC country income group

Economy of the ICPC	Contribution (€/researcher/year)
Low income	8,000
Lower middle income	9,800
Upper middle income	20,700



Upper funding limits to be applied per funding scheme

Funding Scheme	Non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, research organisations and SMEs	All other organisations
Collaborative project	75%	50% ⁴
Network of Excellence	75%	50% ⁴
Coordination and support action	100%	100%
Support for "frontier" research (ERC)	100%	100%
Research for the benefit of specific groups	75%	50% ⁴
Support for training and career development of researchers (Marie Curie)	Not applicable	Not applicable

4) For security-related research and technological development activities, this percentage may reach a maximum of 75%



Lump sum option for ICPC in FP7

If lump sum option is chosen maximum EC contribution is a function of:

- The economy of the ICPC
- The number of persons-years requested for the project by the legal entity
- The funding scheme of the project
- The legal status and activity type of the legal entity established in the ICPC



Lump sum examples for ICPCs in Lower Middle Income group

<u>Maximum EC contribution (€)</u>	Non-profit public bodies, secondary and higher education establishments, research organisations and SMEs	All other organisations
Collaborative project	7,350	4,900
NoE	7,350	4,900
Coordination and support actions,	9,800	9,800
Support for "frontier" research (ERC)	9,800	9,800
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